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STATUTES

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1. FOR REASONS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR, BUT REPORTEDLY BECAUSE
CONTACT GROUP MEETING WOULD HAVE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS,
MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 3 WAS CONCELLED. EX DIR
INSTEAD INVITED SELECTED PERM REPS (ABOUT 30 ATTENDED)
TO MEET IN HIS OFFICE SEPT. 3. GROUP B INVITEES INCLUDED
US, UK, FRG, FRANCE, JAPAN, SWEDEN, ITALY, AUSTRIA AND
SWITZERLAND. EX DIR, REMARKING THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT
DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK WERE INTERESTED IN HAVING THE
VIEWS OF THE VIENNA DELS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH UNIDO DRAFT
STATUTES, TURNED MEETING OVER TO IDB PRESIDENT ANINOIU
(ROMANIA), WHO PROMPTLY CALLED UPON AMB MEHTA (INDIA),
CHAIRMAN OF VIENNA G-77, TO GIVE GROUP'S VIEWS.

2. MEHTA INDICATED THAT THE VARIETY OF VIEWS AMONG G-77
ON PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERING THE DRAFT STATUTES
HAD RESULTED IN NO FIRM CONSENSUS ON PREFERRED
PROCEDURES. AS REGARDS SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF AN
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE, SOME G-77 REPS HAD

ARGUED FOR OPEN-ENDED MEMBERSHIP BUT THIS WAS NOT WIDELY SUPPORTED. GROUP NOW PREFERRED THAT GA FIX THE NUMBER (UNSPECIFIED BUT WITH SOME ANTICIPATION THAT THIS MIGHT CORRESPOND IN SIZE TO THE IDB) OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE RATIO FOR GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION, WITH EACH GEOGRAPHIC GROUP DETERMINING ITS OWN REPRESENTATION WITHIN THAT RATIO; THE GROUP WISHED TO RESERVE THE OPTION OF ROTATING REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMITTEE AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP OF EACH GEOGRAPHIC GROUP. ON THE QUESTION OF THE SITE FOR THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, GROUP PREFERRED THAT MOST OF THE WORK BE DONE IN VIENNA, WHILE LEAVING OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF ONE OR MORE MEETINGS IN NEW YORK. ON THE QUESTION OF TIMING OF CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT STATUTES, G-77 COMPROMISED OPPOSING VIEWS BY SETTLING ON FORMULA THAT SECGEN SHOULD BE EMPOWERED CALL A PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE ON UNIDO STATUTES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, PROVIDING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE HAS FINISHED ITS WORK BY MID-1976; THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE ITS WORK BEFORE THE CONVENING OF THE NEXT IDB MEETING (SPRING 1976). MEHTA EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT ALTHOUGH G-77 WISHED INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE TO WORK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE AGREEMENT ON A CONSTITUTION FOR UNIDO THAT WOULD COMMAND THE WIDEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT AMONG ITS PRESENT MEMBERSHIP. THUS, IF IT PROVED NECESSARY THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT COULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE 31ST GA. MEHTA ALSO EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE COULD TAKE PLACE TAT THE END OF OCTOBER OR BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER, WITH SOME SPECULATION THAT ABOUT THREE MEETINGS WOULD BE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE COMMITTEE'S WORK.

3. VON SCHENCK (SWITZERLAND, CHAIRMAN GROUP B), DRAWING ON VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING BRIEF MEETING GROUP B SEP. 2 (REFTEL PARA 3), RESPONDED WITH AD REFERENDUM GROUP B VIEW AS FOLLOWS: ALTHOUGH THERE WERE DIFFERENCES OF VIEW IN GROUP B ON WHETHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTEE SHOULD BE RESTRICTED OR OPEN-ENDED GROUP B COULD LIVE WITH G-77 APPROACH ON THIS POINT. WOULD ALSO PREFER VIENNA AS THE SITE FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE BUT WAS FLEXIBLE ON MEETING ALSO IN N.Y. WOULD PREFER THAT THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT BE SUBMITTED TO THE 31ST GA, WHILE LEAVING OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF CONVENING A SPECIAL CONFERENCE. (SWISS PREFER CONFERENCE ON GROUNDS THAT IN

GA THEY WOULD NOT HAVE SAME STATUS AS UN MEMBERS.)

4. SOVIET REP (SHATSKY) STATED THAT, IN PRINCIPLE, SOVIET UNION PREPARED PARTICIPATE IN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE BUT THAT BEFORE MAKING UP ITS MIND SOV GOVT WOULD NEED MORE DETAILS ON COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE AND HOW IT WOULD WORK.

5. AMB MEHTA INDICATED HE WOULD REPORT THIS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TO HIS G-77 COUNTERPART IN NEW YORK. GROUP B MEMBERS WILL PRESUMABLY REPORT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS. THE MEETING DID NOT ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT STATUTES. STIBRAVY

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